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SUBJECT: ZAGREB MEDIA REACTION TO ATTACK ON YUGOSLAV U.N. MISSION

1. ZAGREB MEDIA HAS SO FAR GIVEN STORY OF ATTACK ON YUGOSLAV U.N. MISSION A BACK SEAT TO OTHER NEWS ITEMS SUCH AS OPENING OF BELGRADE CONFERENCE AND ELECTIONS IN SPAIN. JUNE 15 ZAGREB TELEVISION NEWS CARRIED REPORT OF ATTACK AS LAST ITEM OF INTERNATIONAL NEWS AND FOLLOWED IT WITH COMMENTARY WHICH CRITICIZED U.S. FOR FAILURE TO ACT AGAINST EMIGRE GROUPS IN U.S. ZAGREB DAILY "VJESNIK" OF JUNE 16 FEATURES ARTICLE BY NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT DRAZEN VUKOV COLIC. VUKOV COLIC GIVES GENERALLY ACCURATE ACCOUNT OF DETAILS OF ATTACK AND CRITICIZES ALLEGED U.S. FAILURE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE SECURITY. NOTING THAT ACCUSED ATTACKERS REPORTEDLY COME FROM THREE DIFFERENT U.S. CITIES, HE DRAWS CONCLUSION THAT ATTACK WAS "VERY CAREFULLY PLANNED." VUKOV COLIC OBSERVES THAT THE ATTACK HAS FAILED TO ATTRACT AS MUCH PUBLICITY IN U.S. AS THE TERRORISTS HAD EXPECTED.

2. "VJESNIK" ALSO CARRIES TANJUG ITEMS ON YUGOSLAV PROTEST NOTE AND STATE DEPARTMENT CONDEMNATION OF THE INCIDENT.

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3. COMMENT: WHILE THE ATTACK ON THE YUGOSLAV MISSION HAS GENERATED CRITICISM IN THE MEDIA OF THE U.S. FOR ALLEGED TOLERATION OF EMIGRE TERRORIST GROUPS, SO FAR WE HAVE NOT SEEN ANY SUGGESTION OF OFFICIAL U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN THE ATTACK, IN CONTRAST TO THE MEDIA'S TREATMENT OF THE TWA HIJACKING LAST YEAR.

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4. BEGLRADE COMMENT: SOME REPORTS IN BELGRADE MEDIA HAVE IMPLIED
THAT "CERTAIN CIRCLES" IN THE US STAND BEHIND THE ATTACK.
MILIKA SUNDIC ON BELGRADE RADIO SAID, "THE TERRORISTS...
DO NOT WORK ALONE BUT IN COOPERATION WITH CERTAIN FORCES
WHICH USE FASCIST GROUPS ... FOR THEIR POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.
THOSE ARE NOT FORCES OUTSIDE OF AMERICAN SOCIETY AND THE
THE AMERRPCAN SYSTEM BUT RATHER THEIR INTEGRAL PART."
GROSS

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